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**Hosanna!**

**Crucify him!**

**Finished!**

**He is risen!**

**Alleluia!**



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# A message from Kath Pickering



## Resurrection life

The story of Easter could be subtitled: ‘That’s not how it was meant to be!’ From Jesus’ followers who expected him to pull off a military insurrection, to the religious and political leaders and Roman soldiers who expected him to die (he did) and stay dead (he didn’t), to the women and disciples who expected to find his dead body in the tomb (they didn’t!) to the followers and crowds who having seen the risen Jesus expected him to stay (he didn’t do that either!). None of this went how anyone – apart from God – thought it should.

In fact, many of those people at various points could have been tempted to think ‘all is lost’. At many points the story seemed one not of victory but of certain death and defeat.

So is the story of Easter one of hopelessness and despair? Thankfully not. although we walk through those emotions as we journey through the Easter story each year, pausing on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, to recall moments of sacrifice and certain death.

And yet out of this story of death and despair comes certain life...resurrection life. This is the central message of the Christian faith –from despair comes hope, from death comes life. The resurrection needs both. We don’t have new life without first seeing death. No dawn without the darkness; no empty tomb without the cross; no eternal life without the sacrifice of Jesus. But from all those things which seem negative, points at which it seems all is lost, comes the glimmers of light.

This is the story of Jesus and the story of the Christian faith. It is a source of hope in a world which may seem scary, lost and frightening. It is something we hold onto when all around us changes, and especially if we don’t like those changes. It is our security at moments when our lives, our world, our church even seem bent all out of shape, and we are tempted to respond ‘that’s not how it was meant to be!’.

And yet we stay so trusting that God’s rescue plan for the world was the resurrection...and still is. That where we see despair, He will bring hope. That from where we see death will spring new life (literally seen in our gardens each spring), that from the empty tomb of our world comes the hope and new life found through Jesus.

My prayer this Easter season and beyond is that we will all discover and rediscover the story of resurrection life. Christ is risen...he is risen indeed! And that is how it was meant to be.

Blessings, *Rev Kath*

## The Chase

It has just turned the 10th anniversary of my filming of my edition on "The Chase". My claim to fame is that I was the very first participant to hail from Cleethorpes, told to me by the make-up lady on the day, who also hailed from Cleethorpes (you couldn't make it up, see what I did there?)

So many people have asked me since, How did you get on the show? What is Bradley Walsh like? The experience has become my party piece. So here is my whole experience, from first applying. I hope it amuses, and inspires more participants from our neck of the woods!

The first step is to apply to ITV. I forgot all about it until one day a nice young man telephoned me, introduced himself, then asked me a few general knowledge questions. The one I fell down on was an Eliza Doolittle question, I couldn't remember the occupation of her father (coal merchant, dustman or chimney sweep?) the answer was Dustman, and I had plumped for Coalman after much dithering. This young man was more patient than Bradley Walsh. I must have done okay though, as he invited me along to an audition, I could choose between Hull, Leeds or Sheffield. I chose Sheffield as my son Allan lived there.

My audition should have consisted of 5 men and 5 women, but only 8 turned up. We were seated opposite a panel, who asked us questions which we answered on our clipboards. We were also asked individually to tell everyone else a little bit about ourselves, just like Bradley does on the show, but a lot more relaxed and a lot more time. Luckily for me, one of the general knowledge questions was "How many wings does a butterfly have?" Butterflies are one of my interests. I was the only contestant to get the answer - 4 - correct. I was asked why I had said "4" and I replied that I was a lepidopterist and a butterfly whisperer (butterflies like to land on me, I must have sweet skin). When the panel read the results, they chose 3 men and one woman (me). Everyone else was thanked and asked to leave. The four successful applicants were asked to fill out a form akin to applying for a passport. Everything except inside leg measurement and what you had for breakfast. I left on a cloud, meeting up with my son and partner and telling them I'd made it through to the actual show, was a great delight that memory is, they whooped and cheered!

Over a year passed, and I gradually gave up hope. Then I got a phone call from London TV studios inviting me to appear on the show! Next thing, I was telephoned with my train details for 3 March and 4 March, details of my hotel and evening meal (all paid for by ITV). At dinner in the hotel, a strange thing happened. I was sat alone, but next to me were two young ladies who were obviously having a good catch-up over their meal. So engrossed was the one nearest me, that when they got up to leave, she left her handbag behind, on the seat next to me. I didn't notice until they'd left the building, so I stayed where I was until, a little while later, they reappeared. The one who had left her handbag looked across the room and I put my hand up and waved to her. She came over and I passed her the bag. She thanked me profusely, looking close to tears. I said, "no need, I have scatterbrained daughters!" and I felt so blessed in that moment, that I was that girl's guardian

angel. I was meant to be there. The trip was a success, whether I won any money on The Chase or not.

The following morning, 4 of us gathered in the foyer of the hotel as we had been instructed, Catharine, Liam, Mickey and myself. We all started chatting, realising we were going to be a team. Catharine had been flown down from Glasgow! A lady arrived in a taxi and escorted us to the TV studios. We went through security, make-up, outfit choosing (did I remember to say that we had been asked to bring along SIX outfits?) then waited our turn. We tramped into the studio and immediately spotted that the previous team had won £36,000 between three of them, because they hadn't wiped the score out yet, oops. I think that's when I started feeling giddy. We were assigned our seats on the panel, I was number 3 (my lucky number). Bradley Walsh came out and shook our hands. I had told the person looking after me that I had a gift for Bradley, and I handed over an Arsenal toothbrush. Things went downhill from there. Our Chaser was Jenny "The Vixen" Ryan. Catharine was up first, she went for what she earned and got booted out. Liam, a 21-year-old student, was up next. He told Bradley that in his spare time he was a life model. Bradley lost no time in cracking a joke "People paint you in the nude? Where do they keep their paintbrushes?" Poor Liam crashed out on a hippy question, which still doesn't make sense to me "knitting their own yogurt"? Then it was my turn.

When you know there's a TV camera on you, and the spotlight, and Bradley Walsh in front of you, firing questions at you, believe me, your brain turns to mush. I scored 3, so took £3,000 to the table. Jenny offered me £40,000 top offer. With nothing in the pot, I took the top offer. Unfortunately, I got asked questions on geography, alcohol and Cheryl Cole. I got the geography question correct, but the next two wrong (I don't drink alcohol), so I got booted off, but not before I'd got in a joke about Cheryl Cole, calling her a judge rather than a singer. Everyone in the studio laughed, except Bradley. You must remember that he is the star, and he makes the jokes. "Unfortunately for you, The Chase is over", he shook my hand. I went round the back to where Catharine and Liam were, still a bit shell-shocked. In a blink of an eye, it was all over. Together, we watched Mickey Diamond - the star of the show.

Mickey got to the table and was offered £100,000 by Jenny, a first for the show. He accepted the offer, as he was all on his own. He guessed most of the answers, correctly, including the name of his local pub for one of the answers, and he swept back to the final chase with £100,000 on the table. Even Bradley got super excited, dancing around the podium, grabbing Mickey to jump in tandem with him. He did very well on his own, scoring 11, I was answering questions from the back, no help to him at all. Jenny was only one step behind him and she wiped him out in no time. We all piled in the taxi to Kings Cross, except for Catharine, who got a taxi to the airport. All in all, it was a great experience. I don't regret going high, but I'm sorry Mickey didn't win the hundred grand. If you love The Chase, why not apply? Good luck!

*Ann Gittens*

## Why Easter will never go away

How do you make sense of the Resurrection? Dead men don't rise, so why believe that this particular dead man *did* rise?

At the end of St Luke's gospel we read that: "they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement" (Luke 24.4). This is highly significant. The Gospels do not show us a group of disciples who were in a receptive frame of mind. After the crucifixion, they were in hiding, frightened and scattered. Then suddenly, they came out of hiding and were totally different; excited, joyful. By Pentecost they were confident, with one firm message: 'You crucified Jesus, but God raised Him up!'

How did they know this? Because of direct personal experience. Some of them had visited the tomb of Jesus: it was empty. Others claimed to have seen and touched the risen Lord. Were they hallucinating? People can hallucinate in groups – when taking drugs, for example. But of course, each one will see a different hallucination. But the disciples all saw the same thing. Or rather, the same person. Jesus.

Were they lying? Jesus had died a humiliating death as a criminal. Perhaps they wanted to rescue His good name. So, did they pretend they had seen Him?

This theory has a big problem. Their preaching led them into trouble with the authorities. They were beaten and imprisoned and some of them killed. People will die for ideas and causes which they believe in passionately. But not for things they have made up. We might suffer for our convictions, but we will not suffer for our inventions.

What about the 'swoon' theory? That Jesus didn't die on the cross, despite terrible wounds? That He recovered in the tomb, and then escaped? That the disciples nursed Him back to health? But Roman soldiers knew when a man was dead; and there was the guard on the tomb. Also, the events which followed simply don't fit. If the disciples had been hiding Jesus all along, they would have kept very low-key, and out of the way, so that the authorities did not come after Him again.

Besides, to preach that God had raised Jesus from the dead – which is exactly what they did preach – would have been a lie. Beatings and threat of death would soon have loosened their tongues. Inventions crumble under pressure; convictions hold fast.

Another reason for believing in the Resurrection is this: Jesus' continuing impact. Thousands and soon millions of people in every generation since have shared an inescapable sense of being 'accompanied' through life. Though unseen, they identify this presence as the Risen Lord.

Sometimes this experience of meeting Jesus is gentle and fitful. Sometimes it is dramatic and life changing. This reminds us that the resurrection of Jesus is not just

an interesting historical puzzle. It is a vital, present day reality. It brings wonderful comfort, assuring us of the central Christian truths: death is dead; Jesus is alive; God is love.

This central notion was captured, most movingly, by the great Albert Schweitzer: ‘He came to those men who knew Him not. He speaks to us the same word: “Follow thou me,” and sets us to the tasks which He has to fulfil for our time. He commands. And to those who obey Him, whether they be wise or simple, He will reveal Himself in the toils, the conflicts, the suffering which they shall pass through in His fellowship, and, as ineffable mystery, they shall learn in their own experience who He is.’

Have a joyful – and a challenging – Easter.

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Good Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 12 noon  
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## Open Church and Three Photoshoots

We never know who will come through the door when we open up the church. Normally we'll have just a few visitors who want to be quiet for a while or maybe to admire the building. Sometimes though there are some surprises.

One Tuesday last year we were invaded by 14 members of the Holton le Clay Camera club. We had been forewarned about this visit. They took a lot of unusual shots and spent much time considering the settings on their expensive looking cameras. They were off to the Discovery Centre later for lunch all together.

In February we had a visit from a couple from North Yorkshire, who were holidaying in a cottage on the Wolds. We thought they had just popped in to have a look round the building but it turned out that they had come with a mission. The gentleman was looking for several listed buildings in the area in order to take photos for Historic England who are updating their website. It was fortunate that church was open when he came. His photographs are very good and you can see them on the Historic England website. [historicengland.org.uk/listing/the-list/list-entry/1309988?section=comments-and-photos](https://www.historicengland.org.uk/listing/the-list/list-entry/1309988?section=comments-and-photos)

Two or three weeks later we had a visit from Matt of MATT 360 Photography Services. He took photographs which he has kindly shared on Google Maps and which show a 360 degree panorama of the building. The images can be moved around and by zooming in you can see incredible detail of all corners of the building. You can find them by locating St Peter's Church on Google Maps or by following the link - <https://maps.app.goo.gl/zefts5sChUYTviu39>

It's lovely when people come in and admire our beautiful church. We are privileged to have such a wonderful setting for our worship.

### *Joan*

*St Peter's is open on Monday and Tuesday mornings from 10:00 at the moment. However extra help is needed on Mondays so if you are able to commit to this day and are interested in welcoming visitors to our church please speak to Rev Kath or the Churchwardens. There are always two people on duty (Safeguarding requirements) so you will have company.*

### **Family pride**

"Yes," boasted the woman to the visiting American priest, "my family can trace its ancestry back to William the Conqueror."

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## Could stained glass have a role in modern-day mission?

Millions of people visit cathedrals and historic churches in the UK and around the world every year. St Paul's Cathedral and Westminster Abbey are among London's most popular tourist attractions.

In many English cities, it's the cathedral that tops the TripAdvisor list for ratings and reviews. Local churches that remain open through the week often find visitors drawn to them – to look around, pray, reflect, or simply pause amid busy lives.

When the Bible Society's Quiet Revival report was published last year, the headlines rightly focussed on the numbers of young people being drawn to church. But, within the report's pages was another, perhaps surprising, finding. It was that one of the top three places for people with no religion, or non-practising Christians to encounter the Bible was while sightseeing in a cathedral or church.

This underlines the importance of churches making available good, printed material and displays explaining the Christian gospel.

Yet it also may show the importance of a form of Christian communication that many modern-day evangelists may have ignored. The enduring appeal of stained glass.

Historian Janet Gough has recently produced 'Divine Light,' a survey of some of the best stained glass in England's cathedrals. She explained, "The stained-glass windows of England's cathedrals illuminate interior spaces, communicate religious, historical and political messages, and perhaps offer us a glimpse of heaven."

Earlier examples of stained glass often depicted biblical scenes, illustrating scripture for those unable to read the accounts themselves.

In today's society, dominated as it is by the visual image – from Instagram to YouTube, TikTok and Facebook – these colourful windows could help introduce contemporary people to Bible narratives and gospel truths.

There is much biblical truth to be found in stained glass windows for those who look with an inquiring mind. In many cases, some knowledge of scripture may help decipher the stories being told. In others, the viewer is invited into an encounter with the divine: to look in awe and wonder at the artistry, and to feel an emotional – perhaps spiritual – response to what they see.

In our supremely visual age, these works of art – both ancient and modern – can capture the attention and imagination of the millions who are drawn to our cathedrals and historic churches.

*Revd Peter Crumpler*, a Church of England priest in St Albans, Herts, and a former communications director for the C of E

## **The Archbishop of Canterbury's Presidential Address**

Read the first Presidential Address by the Archbishop of Canterbury, Sarah Mullally, at the February 2026 General Synod group of sessions.



Synod, thank you for the warmth of your welcome.

I stand here among you by no means for the first time, but for the first time as the Archbishop of Canterbury. It is a humbling privilege to be called to serve in this role. It brings with it huge weight of responsibility, at a time when people love to remind me that the church faces significant challenges.

But when the wind and the waves are rocking the boat, I am reminded that what I need to do is to focus on Christ, who calms the waters and stills the wind. With your help and with God's grace, I pray that I am able to approach this ministry with calm, consistency and compassion – as we seek to be what the Church has for so long been: a stable presence in an unstable world.

Do, please, continue to pray for me in the months and years to come, as I will always pray for you. I do not carry my new responsibilities alone. We serve God's church together, lay and ordained; uniquely reflecting God's image into one another, and remembering His prayer that we should be one in our love for God and of one another.

At my Confirmation of Election, I was deeply moved to be asked, during the Charge which was given to me, to 'help the Church love itself more ... believing that its best days are still to come'. And I do believe that this is true. Through every challenge, our hope in Christ remains - and our confidence in the Gospel, as good news for our nation and for God's world, is not shaken.

I see God's Kingdom, the pearl of great price, revealed in countless places across the Church of England and the Anglican Communion. The Church of England is a Christian presence in every community. In parishes and chaplaincies across the country, day in and day out, faithful clergy and congregations worship God and love their neighbours. With every Eucharist that is offered, with every prayer said; with every child helped to flourish in our schools; with every family cared for in times of celebration and of sorrow; with every night shelter and food bank; with each worship service, youth group and community lunch; with every effort to work for justice, dignity and fairness in our nation and our world – with all of this and so much more, we live out our calling to share the love of God with those around us.

And across the global Anglican Communion, in its profound diversity, we see Anglicans offering that same hope to a world around them: working for peace in places of war, caring for the sick and lifting up new generations of young people, and speaking of the hope that we find in Jesus Christ.

Because with Christ, the Church is there in all those places and with all those people, and the Kingdom is made known. I rejoice in every example I see of this – the pearl of great price - glimpsed in faithful, local, sensitive, intelligent ministry which embodies and speaks of the Kingdom.

So, what sort of Archbishop do I feel called to be? As I said when I accepted the nomination, as I respond to the Call of Christ in this new ministry, I remain rooted in my first calling: to follow Christ, to know Him – and to make Him known in the world. My Christian vocation first led me to become a nurse – then later a priest, then a bishop, and now an archbishop. The theme that has run through of all of these chapters of my life has been washing feet, and in serving and caring for others.

And so, I believe that I have been called to love and serve the Diocese of Canterbury, the Church of England, and the Anglican Communion, not through developing new programmes and initiatives, but by being a shepherd, who works collaboratively and in partnership, enabling others to flourish.

And I will work with you, Synod, with my fellow bishops, and with our national church bodies, striving to ensure that the Kingdom is being nurtured everywhere - in parishes, chaplaincies, cathedrals and schools, in the smallest and most fragile communities, as well as the larger and more confident expressions of church, wherever disciples seek to be salt and light.

The role of the Archbishop of Canterbury is a complex and challenging one. But at its heart is something profound and simple. Along with my fellow bishops, I am called to share the hope that we have found in Jesus Christ – and what that means for us all as individuals, and as a society. I pray that the thread running through my time as Archbishop will be that of nurturing confidence and hope, rooted not in institutions, but in God and the Gospel of Jesus Christ. With our confidence in God, we can believe that indeed, the best is yet to come for the church that we love and nurture, and therefore for the world that the church is called to serve.

As Archbishop of Canterbury, I commit myself to nurturing, supporting and praying for all our parishes, chaplaincies, cathedrals and schools, where quiet faithfulness is coupled with a readiness to respond to every opportunity, however small, to embody the hope of the Gospel at the heart of a community; where people, together, become places where the Kingdom happens.

As a shepherd, I will strive to be calm, consistent and compassionate to all. I commit myself to enabling the Church to be the Church. May we continue to offer ourselves in God's service for God's world: our hope rooted in the Gospel, and our confidence rooted in God, who holds the Church and its future in love. Please pray for me as I pray for you. Amen.



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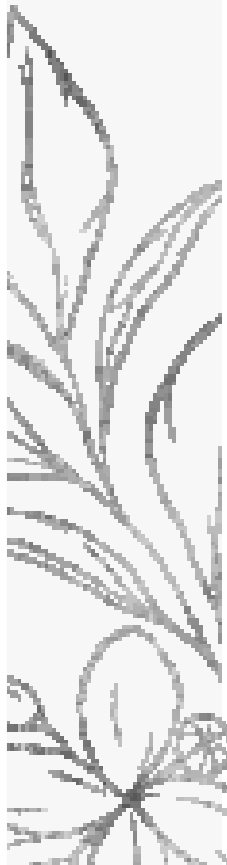
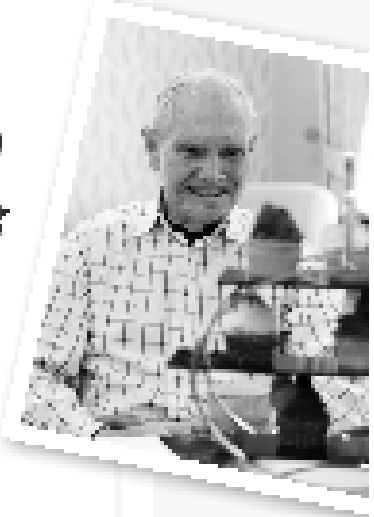
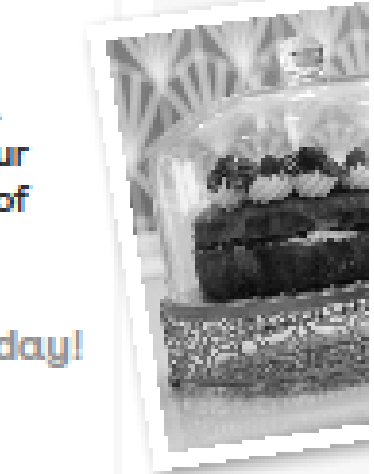
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Donations	1,623.73
PCC Fees	205.26
Concert Income	0.00
Copier Income	1,031.89
Sundry Income	0.00
Restricted Income	0.00
Legacy	0.00
Transfer CBF	0.00

**Total 8,370.92****Expenditure**

Clergy Expenses	29.34
Salaries & Organist Fees	8,721.33
Utilities	2,684.46
Insurance	868.24
Repairs & Maint	0.00
Security	332.16
Upkeep of Services	165.22
Hospitality	169.96
Mission & Outreach	269.00
Print, Stationery & Office	537.29
Covenant giving	1,700.00
Charitable Donations	0.00
Sundry Expenses	42.99
Governance	0.00
Fixture & Fittings	0.00
Concert expenses	0.00

**Total 15,519.99****Net Surplus/Deficit -7,149.07****Hall 2026**

January - February

**Income**

Rents	1,123.06
Donations	20.00
Donations (Thursday Group)	3,142.70
Donations (Friday Coffee)	261.93
Donations (Food Pantry)	125.00

**Total 4,672.69****Expenditure**

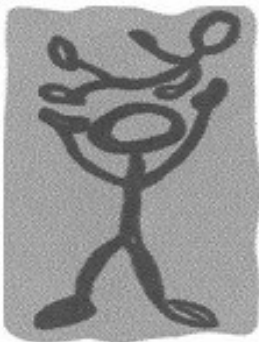
Salaries (Hall)	1,900.46
Co-Ordinator (Thursday Group)	655.20
Utilities	1,484.99
Insurance	433.00
Repairs	114.00
Consumables	190.09
Security	332.16
Fixtures & Fittings	0.00
Resources (Thursday Group)	1,877.42

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*Andrew Longbottom*  
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*There is a lot of talk about 'mindfulness' these days, and how to find calm moments in our daily lives. Both the BBC and Classic FM have even got radio stations devoted to 'mindful' and 'calm' music. But as Christians, we have an extra, divine resource to call on, and here is a reminder of this.*

### **Peaceful mind in Eastertide**

*Easter is a time of rejoicing over what Christ has done for us. The following may be helpful.*

This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. - *1 John 4:9*

You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. - *Romans 5:6-8*

But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of righteousness. And if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of His Spirit who lives in you. - *Romans 8:10,11*

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#### **Brain Teaser**

See if you can figure out what these words have in common.

1. Banana
2. Dresser
3. Grammar
4. Potato
5. Revive
6. Uneven
7. Assess

Are you peeking or have you already given up? Give it another try. Look at each word carefully. You'll kick yourself when you discover the answer. No, it is not that they all have at least 2 double letters.....

*Answer: on page 22*

## **Celebrate cross of St George as symbol of unity for everyone in England – bishops**

The cross of St George, the flag of England, should be celebrated as a symbol of unity in our nation, rooted in our Christian heritage, a group of leading Church of England bishops from across the country have said.

In a joint statement, they urge people to embrace or rediscover our Christian heritage but also call for a fresh recognition of the meaning of the cross as the symbol of God's love for everyone.

They warn against the use of Christian symbols to intimidate others and call for a "mature debate" on the different impacts of migration, noting that churches can act as "spaces where different response to immigration can be listened to with respect and dignity".

The statement is issued by a working group of seven bishops set up late last year at the request of the Archbishops of Canterbury and York to consider questions of national unity and diversity amid concerns about polarisation within society, as well as equipping local churches to help bridge divides.

Prompted by widespread discussion about the displays of flags in communities across England last summer and autumn, they say: "We rejoice that the flag of St George is the national flag of England and contains a cross as a sign of our Christian heritage.

"This heritage should be celebrated.

"However, the flag cannot be owned by any one group or cause. Rather it is a symbol of unity, inclusion and our common life around which we all gather."

They warn against the use of Christian symbols, such as the cross or flags to intimidate others, observing: "Sadly, in recent months, we have seen these symbols used by people who, far from working for unity in the nation, are seeking to sow division and misunderstanding.

"This leaves many in our society feeling anxious and afraid and is a long way from loving our neighbour in the way that Jesus taught."

Drawing from their own experience of inter-faith engagement, the bishops argue that "the vast majority" of people of all backgrounds and faiths accept the country's Christian heritage and "want to unite behind the flag as a symbol of national unity and inclusion, based on our Christian heritage and broader values of respect, compassion and care for all."

And they make a central invitation to people to come to their local church to explore the "true significance of the cross of Jesus Christ".

“There is little point claiming it as our heritage if we don’t understand its meaning,” they write.

“Thousands of local churches across the country stand ready to explore this meaning with people of all backgrounds in the communities we continue to serve.”

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### **Florida Court Sets Atheist Holy Day**

In Florida, an atheist created a case against the approaching Easter and Passover days. He hired a lawyer to bring a discrimination case against Christians, Jews and observances of their holy days. The argument was that it was unfair that atheists had no such recognized days.

The case was brought before a judge. After listening to the passionate presentation by the lawyer, the judge banged his gavel declaring "Case dismissed!" The lawyer immediately stood, objecting to the Ruling.

"Your honour, how can you possibly dismiss this case? The Christians have Christmas, Easter and others. The Jews have Passover, Yom Kippur and Hanukkah, yet my client and all other atheists have no such holidays."

The judge leaned forward in his chair saying, "But you do. Your client, counsel, is woefully ignorant."

The lawyer said, "Your Honour, we are unaware of any special observance or holiday for atheists."

The judge said, "The calendar says April 1st is April Fools' Day. Psalm 14:1 states, 'The fool says in his heart, there is no God.' Thus, it is the opinion of this court, that if your client says there is no God, then he is a fool. Therefore, April 1st is his day. Court is adjourned. Don't you love a Judge that knows his scripture!"

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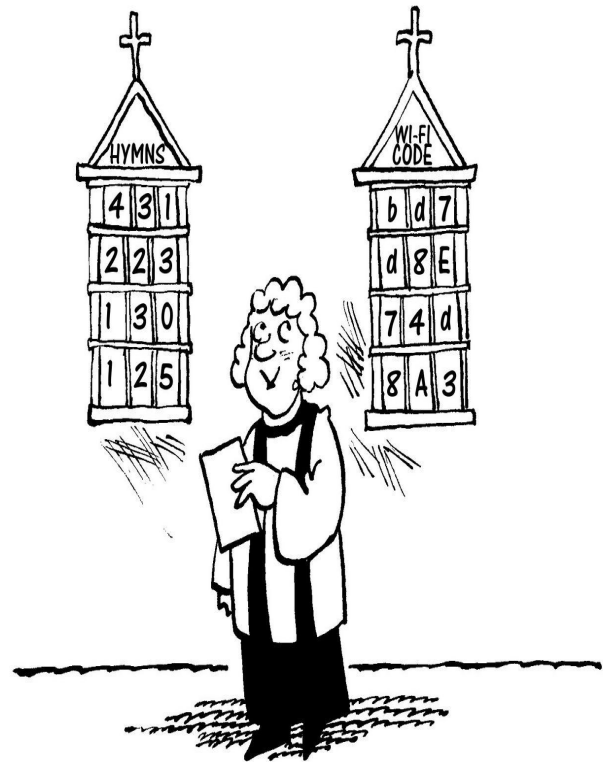


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## Vision Sunday

St Peter's congregation enjoyed a shared brunch following our Vision Sunday Service where Rev Kath shared her vision for our church.



*How post-Easter can be a time of re-commissioning....*

## **Breakfast – with Jesus Christ**

“It is the Lord!” (*John 21:7*) There is something very reassuring in the simple scene by Galilee’s lake, described on that post-Easter morning. Taking place there was the birth of a mighty world-wide adventure that has not ended yet! Was there ever a breakfast like it? They’d been fishing all night, but in vain.... until they heard a distant call from the shore: “How are you doing, guys?”

There is even the little detail in the instructions from the beach that it was to be on the *right* side of the boat that the net should be thrown out this time.

That Stranger. That voice! Suddenly the net was full of wriggling fish. It was like coming in at the start of the film again – (see Luke 5:6). Then Peter’s hundred-yard splash to the shore... the charcoal fire and ‘large’ tilapia fish. Then the typical action of fishermen in counting the catch. How the Bible teems with stories.

And now breakfast on the beach, with Jesus Christ! It was a re-commissioning for the apostle Peter, who only days earlier had denied any knowledge of Jesus. From now on it would be different. “Feed my sheep,” said Jesus.

1. Whose call but Christ’s call? Peter would never be the same again. Those who have truly heard the call of Christ, will still be standing firm when revolutions explode, when finances plunge, when a church falls apart, when a country falls apart.
2. Whose word but Christ’s word? ‘*Feed my sheep,*’ were His words. Whoever we may be teaching, Christ’s servant is to see to it that what is taught is Christ’s word and not one’s own. The power that brings forgiveness and resurrection life can only come from one source!
3. Whose flock, but Christ’s flock? ‘MY lambs... MY sheep’ – they were never ours! Realise this – and so much of the conflicts that can occur between the friends of Jesus will cease overnight.

Can you smell the tilapia fish grilling on that little fire by Galilee’s beach? The Stranger on the shore is calling YOU. Along with John, dripping wet in the boat, recognise that He is no stranger. “It is the Lord.”

### **Speeding**

A speeding motorist was caught by radar from a police helicopter in the sky. An officer pulled him over and began to issue a traffic ticket. "How did you know I was speeding?" the frustrated driver asked.

The police officer pointed soberly toward the sky. "You mean," asked the motorist, in awed confusion, "that now even God has installed speed cameras?"

## Gift of Spring

A dawn chorus, the birds are singing  
We all hope for the joy Spring will be bringing  
Days getting warmer, longer and brighter  
Spring is Winter's enemy, its eternal fighter  
A glorious Spring Day is a gift to behold  
Sunrises to sunsets let magical Spring unleash, unfold.

*Andrew Winters*

## Brain Teaser

*Answer: In all of the words listed, if you take the first letter, place it at the end of the word, and then spell the word backwards, it will be the same word.*

Banana      ananaB

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**By email:** Our email address is staying the same! Emails will be checked several times per week, and queries forwarded or answered as appropriate.

**By phone:** Our phone number will be changing and our new number will be 07484710002. If you leave a message on the voicemail, someone will check messages several times per week.

**Pop into church:** You are always welcome to pop into one of our Sunday or Wednesday services and have a chat with Kath or one of our team after the service.

St Peter's Food Pantry

St Peter's Church Hall

St Peter's Avenue

Monday 10:00am - 11.30 am

Food Parcels for those in need

Hot Meals for the homeless



St Peter's Parish Hall is available for bookings on  
Wednesday evenings, Friday from twilight and Saturday all  
day.

For details contact the Parish Office

St Peter's Church Hall Cleethorpes  
Thursday Club 1:30pm—3:30pm  
Come along and join us for friendship and company  
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Entertainment and Outings      Information & Advice  
Free Monthly Club Meal

**Friday Coffee Morning**  
Every Friday in the Church Hall  
**9.30 am—11.45 am**



**PARISH SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES  
APRIL 2026  
SAINT PETER'S CHURCH CLEETHORPES**

<b>MAUNDY THURSDAY 2ND APRIL</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>	<b>HOLY COMMUNION WITH SIMPLE SUPPER</b>
<b>GOOD FRIDAY 3RD APRIL</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>HOT CROSS BUN ALL TOGETHER WORSHIP</b>
<b>EASTER DAY 5TH APRIL</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>SERVICE OF LIGHT EARLY EUCHARIST</b>
	<b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>BREAKFAST CHURCH WITH HOLY COMMUNION</b>
<b>12TH APRIL</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>
<b>19TH APRIL</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>
<b>26TH APRIL</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>
<b>3RD MAY</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b> <b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>EARLY EUCHARIST BREAKFAST CHURCH</b>

**10:00 AM MIDWEEK SERVICE EVERY WEDNESDAY**

**TEA/COFFEE IS SERVED AT THE BACK OF CHURCH AFTER THE  
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